MR. K MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know whether any petition has been received seeking sanction for opening a Night School for Muslim girl labourers at Thottamukham and Chirayinkil ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : I claim notice.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know when the new school was opened ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : In 1110.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether to these schools admission is restricted to Muslim girls alone ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : There is no specific restriction, Sir. But a great majority of the pupils are Muslim girls.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Am I to understand from that that there is no prohibition with regard to the admission of girls belonging to other communities ?

MR C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : There is no prohibition with regard to other girls but there may be some difficulty with regard to boys if the local community should raise any objection.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Are boys admitted into other girls' schools ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Yes, Sir.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether the Government recognise a category of schools as Muslim Girls' Schools ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Yes, Sir.

Land Mortgage Bank.

59. ***MR. K. M. KRISHNAN** (*Ambalapuzha II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of applications made by the people of Ambalapuzha taluk for loan from the Land Mortgage Bank in the years 1108, 1109 and 1110 ;

(*b*) the number of applications remaining undisposed of till now (19-11-1111) ;

(*c*) the date of the oldest application pending disposal ;

(*d*) the amount disbursed under applications in the years 1108, 1109 and 1110 ;

(*e*) the number of persons who defaulted to pay their dues regularly ; and

(*f*) the amount to be realised as arrears from the defaulters ?

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RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 1108 26
1109 36
1110 33

(*b*) 18

(*c*) 12-4-1109

(*d*) 1108 Rs. 16,300
1109 Rs. 21,100
1110 Rs. 24,650

(*e*) 11

(*f*) About Rs. 800 (including interest).

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): With regard to the answer to part (*b*), may I know why these 18 applications are kept still undisposed of?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Sufficient information was not given and also in some cases the security of properties was not sufficient.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I know whether the reports in connection with these applications are already received from the Tahsildar?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Of these 18 applications 12 are under investigation in the Taluk Office; 3 are pending in the office awaiting further information and documents have been called for from the parties. One application has been tossed backwards and forwards between the Taluk Office and this office and the Bank and is now finally pending with the Taluk Office. In another case, the final report from the Tahsildar is awaited.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): What is the amount covered by all these 18 applications?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether the Government have bestowed any consideration to the opinion expressed by several honourable members of this House with regard to the necessity of opening branches of the State Land Mortgage Bank in different parts of the State?

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): Does that question arise out of this question?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Sir, that question does not arise.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): May I know the cause of the delay in the disposal of the applications?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I have got a full explanation here. The oldest application was first sent to the Tahsildar and then the properties offered as security in the first instance were found to be unacceptable. The party furnished other properties as security and the file was sent back to the

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Taluk again for further investigation. The Tahsildar returned the file stating that the party did not produce the required materials for completing the inquiry and making a recommendation. As the party undertook to do the needful, the file was again sent to the Tahsildar. It was again found that the security properties subsequently offered were also unacceptable. So the party offered a fresh set of properties and the file was again sent to the Tahsildar. The Tahsildar returned the file stating that the party did not produce proof of discharge of prior encumbrances on the securities tendered, even after notices were issued.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Can an official member read an answer from the records?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I wanted to give full information.

PRESIDENT: He was asked to give the full information.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla*): May I know who assesses the value of properties?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The Tahsildar.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): May I know who assesses the value of properties in British India?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): In British India it is a co-operative bank; it is not a Government institution.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): May I know whether special assessors are appointed in British India?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I have no definite information, Sir.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): May I know whether the Government are aware that there is undue delay in the matter of disposal of these applications?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I do not think there is undue delay in so far as the cases which have come to my notice during the last few months I have been in charge of the work, are concerned.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): In the usual course of affairs, what will be the average time required for the disposal of one application?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I have no definite information as to the average period of delay; and I claim notice with regard to that. But I find that, in most cases, it is the parties that are responsible for the delay. They do not produce the encumbrance certificate; they do not give all the necessary information. They do not comply with the prescribed conditions.

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MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know the total amount covered by these 18 applications?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The same question was asked just a while ago by some other Honourable Member, and I have claimed notice.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know the action taken against defaulters?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The total amount of arrears is only Rs. 820-5-11. In most cases, only one instalment is outstanding. We generally allow some time to the parties.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): What is the kind of action that they take for the recovery of arrears?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): We write to the parties; I suppose, that is all that could be done.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): Do they impose any penalty for default?

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): It is very difficult to follow what is going on at the other end of the hall.

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): No special penalty has been prescribed. Of course, ultimately, we will auction the property if the money is not paid.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I take it that the interest charged on defaulters is the same as the interest ordinarily charged?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Registry of land from the Reserve to the Conservator of Forests.

60. * MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Mr. R. Dhanukoti Pillai, the Conservator of Forests, has applied for the registry of land from inside the Reserve before the Nedumangad Taluk Cutcherry on 22-11-1108;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, why and how he has put in the above application;

(*c*) what action has been taken upon the said application;

(*d*) whether they are aware that the above application of the Conservator is one that could not be allowed; and

(*e*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, then what is the nature and contents of the application of the Conservator, dated 22-11-1108?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) above, these questions do not arise.

(*e*) The application of Mr. Dhanukoti Pillai was for the grant of the deficit area to make up the 100 acres of land purchased by him from Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai.

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